PATENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and add claims 2-52 as follows:

- 1 (Amended) A method for servicing a customer, said method comprising the steps of:
- repeatedly transmitting information about available items, said information being
 transmitted as a wireless transmission; and

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